

### REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is provided to amend claims 21, 24, 26, 29, and 38. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant has not intended to narrow, nor has the Applicant narrowed, the scope of the originally presented claims by way of this preliminary amendment.

The Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified patent application.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at 651-686-6633 (ext. 110) to discuss any issues related to this case.

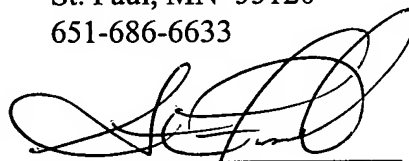
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